

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Influencing Happiness"

I want to recommend a book for you! I just finished rereading *The Book of Joy*. This 2016 book was written by Douglas Abrams and is a week-long interview with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Both of these men are in their 80's and have been the closest and dearest friends for decades. It is an incredible read with the conversation of two incredible men.

There was one section that really jumped off the page for me. (If you get hold of a copy, look on page 49.) Abrams was referencing a study done by Sonja Liubomirsky talking about three factors that influence happiness. Happiness does not just spontaneously happen on a constant basis in our lives. So, what then are some of the simple things that can make happiness increase and become stronger as a normal part of our lives. Listen to this:



1) **You need to have the ability to reframe situations positively.**

We all have a choice. When something happens in our lives, what is the story that we create to help us understand what just happened? In the last couple weeks, Congressman John Lewis died at the age of 80. He was one of the leaders of the march in Selma, Alabama in 1965. He was one of those in the front row along with Martin Luther King, Jr. as the crowd crossed over the Edmond Pettus bridge. They were met by armed police officers on horse, dogs, and water cannons. Lewis almost died that day. At the age of 25, that was one of the worst moments of his life. But as the years went on, he learned how to reframe that situation in a positive way. That brutal

moment become one of the hinge-pins of justice. It launched the United States in new directions of racial equality. It launched Mr. Lewis on a trajectory of winning a seat in the US Congress. He reframed the story. That event was not good, but God had the ability to make good come from it.

2) **You need to have the ability to experience gratitude.**

It is unbelievable the power that gratitude can play in our lives. The difference between a negative day and a positive day often lies in just two tiny words: "Thank you". About a year ago, I was over in the Mayo Clinic waiting rooms. You know that every single patient there in the room with you is dealing with some form of a serious issue. When you are in those situations, you can be overwhelmed and turn self-centered. There is no gratitude available to share when you are stuck in self-centeredness. But the predominant attitude that I witnessed was that of gratitude. People were so thankful for what was being offered them. The words "thank you" were everywhere. If you want to experience deeper happiness, deeper gratitude...in large and small ways...is essential.

3) **You need to have the ability to choose to be kind and generous.**

This just seems to be almost trivial, doesn't it? How can being kind to someone else change you? How can being generous to others in your life change you? This is not about others behaving well toward you; it's not about how much kindness and generosity are given you. It's when you reach out toward others...listening, learning, loving...that YOUR life is the one that changes. BUT...you have to CHOOSE this. It does not magically happen. You choose to be kind; you choose to be giving. Then life begins to change on a daily basis.

How is your level of happiness lately? The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Tutu, and Douglas Abrams have a suggestion for you! Try it. Live it. Share it.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Vacation Bible School August 17-21



This summer we are indeed having VBS! It will be a special online version of “*Knights of North Castle*” that we will invite families to participate in. Watch for information on Facebook, our website, and on e-mail!

Vacation Bible School will not look the same as it has in previous years. Members of CYFM are videoing VBS from their own home so that kids too can watch it from their home. Daily, those who have registered will get a link with that days VBS activities. You can register your child or children through the church website at www.spearfishumc.org through the VBS tab. You can fill out the information and then email it to the church at office@spearfishumc.org or drop it off at the church office.

Prayer Partners



Almighty God.

Thank you for the many ways you bless us and are with us. Guide us through this time of uncertainty. May we make wise choices for health and safety of self and others. Grant travel mercies to all who enjoy the beautiful Black Hills and beyond. Bless Pastor Scott

as he ministers with us in Spearfish and this area. May we love and care about all people. Amen.

Community Food Resources

Commodities: 236 W. Jackson Blvd (United Methodist Community Outreach Center – north door). 1st & 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:30-12 PM. It is a government sponsored program so bring all info needed for an application. You will leave with food the first time you

go regardless of whether or not you qualify.

Spearfish Coalition— Food box. Located at 540 Heritage Drive on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 2 pm-5 pm. Must bring a vehicle to transport the food

Spearfish Food Pantry— 131 Yankee St. by the Rec. Center. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-12 PM and the 1st & 3rd Monday's from 5-7 PM. Phone Number: (605) 642-0940

Feeding South Dakota Mobile Food Pantry—updated hours and locations can be found at feedingsouthdakota.org

Belle Fourche: old Shopko parking lot, 1 Fifth Ave; 1-2 PM; Aug 13

Deadwood / Lead: 111498 US Hwy 14A; 12-1 PM; Aug 21

Spearfish: Spearfish Community Pantry 131 Yankee St, 9-10 AM; Aug 3

Sturgis: Sturgis Elementary School, 1121 Ballpark Rd; 11-12 PM; Aug 3

Deadwood/Lead “Lord’s Cupboard”: United Methodist Church, 111 S. Main St., Lead. Call ahead at 584-3263. Hours: Monday 9-11:30 AM, Thursday 3-5:30 PM

Safeway Card Distribution: Spearfish United Methodist Church, 845 N. 5th St. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 AM

Northern Hills Sources of Support- Resource connection for food, gas, utilities, medical, clothing, housing, etc. Call Christine Pierson at 605-920-1975. Email: northernhillsSOs@gmail.com or the Website: www.northernhillsSOS.org

Gifts for Grads

Five high school graduates were honored in Spearfish City Park and gifted with beautiful quilts donated by members of the Quilt and Craft group. Students also received gifts from the youth group, Congregational Care Ministry and others.



Iz Rodriguez

Two students were unable to attend but also received quilts. Not pictured: Baylee Hazledine and Eden Shank



Izzy Jensen



Jack Beringer



Logan Ammerman



Sam Tobin

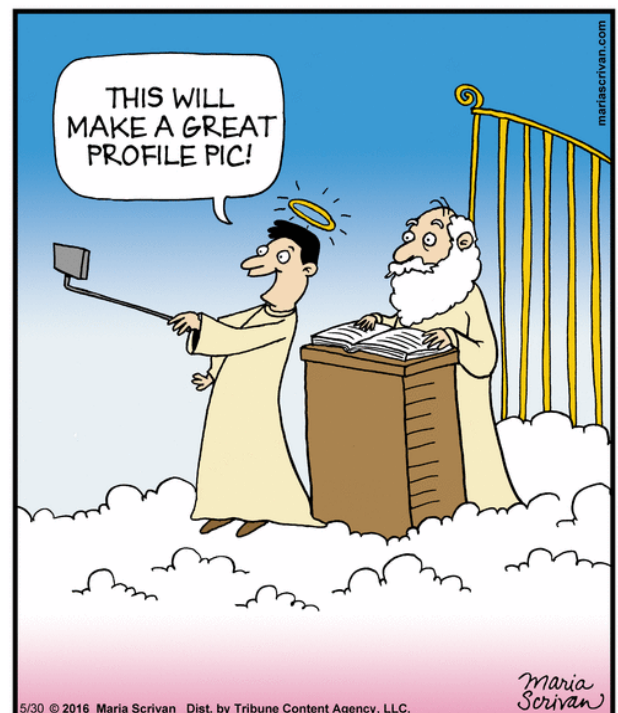


- Youth groups have met outdoors in city parks for activities in July and will continue to meet outdoors during August.
- Invite your family to take part in online VBS August 17-21!
- Fall youth kick-off will tentatively be Wednesday, September 2nd! More details to follow.



Proverbs 22:6, CEB, tells us: “Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.” Indeed, it takes a village to raise a child. Teachers can be defined in a multitude of ways, whether they are school teachers, Sunday school teachers, clergy or parents stepping into the roles of professional teachers. Children First is a ministry of our church. Vacation Bible School and the school year are just weeks away. Who are the teachers making a difference to the students in these programs?

Starting August 1, as part of the **#IGiveUMC** campaign, United Methodists are being asked to honor teachers who have made an impact in their life. While sharing a special message about how a teacher has shaped your life, consider making a special gift to our Spearfish United Methodist Church, the church of your honoree, the church of your childhood, or another church which is special to you. Do you have a teacher in mind as you read this? Sow a seed in a local church, just as your teachers have sown in you. Celebrate your honoree with a photo or video using **#IGiveUMC**. Invite others to donate in honor or memory of someone that special teacher.



Solar Oven Partners

This summer, explore
Solar Oven Partners in a
virtual mission trip!

Connect socially while distancing physically.
Meet virtually with our partners
in the Dominican Republic

Join us online!

Aug. 10: Sign-up deadline
Aug. 15, 6:30-8:30 PM CST: Orientation (online)
Aug. 16-21: Crews gather information and organize a
presentation for team mission
Aug. 22-29, 6:30-8:30 PM CST: Team mission (online)

To register: Email office@solarovenpartners.org
with your full name, email address, mailing address,
phone number and prior experience with Solar Oven
Partners. Then, mail a \$20 check with a note stating
your name and what the check is for to:

Solar Oven Partners
910 4th St, Ste G
Brookings, SD 57006

For more information:
contact Solar Oven Partners director
Marj Evans-de-Carpio at 612-226-6556.

While we are not able to travel to distribute ovens, we are offering a new form of joining a mission team: A virtual mission! Our team will meet via a platform similar to Zoom from 6:30-8:30 Aug. 15 for orientation and Aug. 22-29 for the actual mission time. Between orientation and the mission itself, team members will have assignments to research an aspect of the ministry or the Dominican Republic or to plan devotions. During the first four days we will share what we have been able to learn on our own, and on the last four days, we will deepen our understanding by connecting live with our partners in the Dominican Republic: Director of Solar Oven ministries in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Erasme Fígaro, Sociologist José Rafael Peguero, Solar Cooking Instructor Gertrudis García and General Board of Global Ministries Missionaries Gordy and Ardell Graner.

By joining this mission, you will take part in shaping a new way of being in mission. This might be something we continue even after we can travel again.

If you've always wanted to participate in a mission, but couldn't due to health, childcare, work or finances, now you, too, can grow spiritually through the mission experience! If you've wondered if a traveling mission is right for you, join the virtual mission to explore what it's

all about.

During this time that we are staying home as much as possible for the common good, we don't have to be isolated. Connect socially, even across the Caribbean Sea, while distancing physically. And when we're done, you can connect with your local church members virtually to share what you've learned

Our Church Family

Blessings upon:

- *Charlotte Carol Schmidt*, born April 11, 2020, daughter of Eric & Heather Schmidt who was baptized Sunday, August 2, 2020 by Pastor Scott McKirdy.

Condolences to the families of:

- *Emily Jennings*, who died July 24, 2020 with no services scheduled at this time.
- *Audry Maki*, who died July 24, 2020, with no services scheduled at this time. This is Dianne Darling's mother.
- *Eileen Jones*, who died July 26, 2020 with no services scheduled at this time.
- *Janna Swanson's* grandmother who passed away in July in Germany.

MISSIONS

August Mission of the Month

LaGonave Alive! is a nonprofit organization that brings hope, health, and happiness to the people of the island of LaGonave, Haiti.

Founded by Dakotans Bruce & Sharon Blumer, it provides scholarships to a number of students to attend school, supports a clinic on LaGonave, and helps various ministries such as: an elderly feeding program, orphanages, schools, churches, and women's groups.

Specific things our donations will go toward:

- School uniforms
- School supplies (for students & teachers)
- Chalkboards, desks, chairs, benches
- Medicine
- Teacher salaries
- Doctor/Nurse salaries

Join us in making a difference in Haiti by giving to this worthy mission. Cash and checks may be sent to the church or given in the offering plates during worship.



Monetary donations are encouraged as the pantry is having to spend many times more than usual on meat items and slightly more on produce and groceries as well. We are able to get more food per dollar by ordering from Feeding South Dakota and Lueder's who give us discounted prices.

For those who prefer to donate food items, the following are always needed:

- Cereal
- Chicken Helper
- 2 lb. Bag of Sugar
- Small Chunky Soups
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Small Chicken Soup

BIRTHDAYS

Allison Jensen	08-01	Jim Hoxie	08-21
Wayne Lueders	08-03	Melissa Raad	08-22
Marissa Tuttle	08-03	Donald Wood	08-22
Cody Warns	08-03	Elizabeth Hubbard	08-22
Ryan Meredith	08-05	John Tollison	08-23
Alexandra Kaddatz	08-05	Barry Penn	08-23
Chuck Bossert	08-06	Smantha Wood	08-23
Teri Roberts	08-06	Charity Crenshaw	08-23
Donna Fondy	08-08	Lori Kunka	08-24
Katelynn Benham	08-09	Bob Cline	08-24
Remington Wood	08-11	Kim Tollison	08-27
Linda Hoxie	08-13	Tyce Christensen	08-27
Lori Kiewel	08-13	Eric Jennings	08-28
Amy Sumners	08-13	Oaklyn West	08-28
Sandy TeBeest	08-14	Nancy Czaplewski	08-29
Jordan Louks	08-19	Ben McKirdy-Wilsey	08-30
Wyatt Ross	08-19	Bri Prewitt	08-30
Jean Lewers-Brail	08-20	Lane Keil	08-31
Bob Oliver	08-20	Jill Leonard	08-31
Lana Trasmondi	08-20	Lexi Burtzlaff	08-31
Grace McKirdy	08-20	Ella Ellsbury	08-31
Charlie Pierson	08-20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Laura Oliver	08/03~46 yrs.
Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns-Louks	08/08~5 yrs.
Vaughn & Peggy Heckel	08/09~45 yrs.
Terry & Dyan Nagel	08/12~48 yrs.
Bill & Peggy Bosch	08/13~42 yrs.
Floyd "Buzz" & Helen Stiles	08/15~56 yrs.
Lonnie & Sandy TeBeest	08/15~40 yrs.
Ross & Alyssa English	08/15~8 yrs.

Kenneth & Jessica Ellerton	08/18~19 yrs.
Nathan & Janna Swanson	08/18~8 yrs.
Riley & Barbara Chrisman	08/20~54 yrs.
James & Penny Louks	08/20~37 yrs.
Eric & Heather Schmidt	08/20~4 yrs.
Ron & Gloria Borgman	08/21~54 yrs.
Bob & Carolyn Baker	08/22~60 yrs.
Keith & Lou Allison	08/23~67 yrs.
Don & Bobbi Looney	08/23~48 yrs.
Steve & Donna Peters	08/24~46 yrs.
Branden & Tara Ginter	08/24~7 yrs.
Kenneth "KC" & Suzanne Phillips	08/26~42 yrs.
Rex & Rilea Moyer	08/26~38 yrs.
Russell & Susan Bauer	08/26~3 yrs.
Jason & Jill Leonard	08/29~11 yrs.
Daryl & Jody Emery	08/29~4 yrs.
Kevin & Lori Cook	08/30~12 yrs.



FINANCES

COVID Financial Task Force Update

In April the COVID Financial Task Force (CFTF) was formed to monitor the finances of Spearfish United Methodist Church (SUMC), which consists of the church (UMC), Children First (CF), and the United Methodist Church Outreach Center (UMCOC).

A special Thank You to Mary Tracy, Financial Assistant, and Peggy Bosch, Treasurer, for their attention to income and expenses on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. A HUGE Thank You to Mary for securing the

Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan of \$101,500 which allowed us to pay four payrolls, utilities, and other expenses during a two-and-a-half-month period. That loan expired on June 14. Thank you to those of you who have continued to give to our General Fund as you have been able during these past few months. You have allowed the church to continue its daily work and community ministries. You have helped us pay our staff, our bills, maintain our buildings, and reach outside the church to those who are in need.

Although we are happy to resume inside services and worship as a church family, that does not mean we are in a “business as usual” situation. With the opening of the church for services and meetings, our utility and cleaning expenses go up. Since April we have seen a monthly decrease in income, specifically with General Fund Pledged Income and General Fund Unpledged Income. If we had not received the PPP loan, the church benefited from \$43,000 of that loan, we would be behind Year-to-Date budget by \$15,000. One of the goals of the CFTF is to not use our reserves for routine bills and expenses.

The future is a bit uncertain. We are not able to predict what is going to happen in our individual lives and how that will affect us and our relationships. But we know that we will continue each day. The same unpredictability exists for the church. We are not able to predict what expenses lie before us, but we know that we have work to do and responsibilities to others. Your continued prayers and financial support are asked for our General Fund as we look forward and plan for the future.

Chris Davis – COVID Financial Task Force

Come, Share, Rejoice!

“Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?”

GENERAL FUND 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	30,160.16	46,258.91	-16,098.75
Feb.	35,905.16	31,128.63	4,776.53
Mar.	38,574.09	35,909.00	2,665.09
Apr.	32,135.02	42,990.73	-10,855.71
May	32,638.94	21,644.68	10,994.26
Jun.*	26,524.03	31,785.60	-5,261.57

* \$12,577.69 covered by the PPP Plan

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	53,894.34	Feb.	3,548.74
Mar.	3,809.06	Apr.	3,061.66
May	2,772.50	Jun.	4,672.76

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income

Jan.	1,152.87	Feb.	3,548.74
Mar.	3,546.33	Apr.	25,809.67
May	4,393.00	Jun.*	3,261.00

* \$14,590.93 covered by the PPP Plan

UMCOC 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Apr.	4,695.00	7,928.72	-3,233.72
May*	3,125.00	2,818.11	307.00
Jun.*	5,185.00	2,775.81	2,409.19

* \$762.38 covered by the PPP Plan

Special Gifts for July

Sounds from Home	\$ 675.00
Sound System Fund	1,000.00
Food Pantry	700.00
Lawn Care Fund	100.00
Honduras VIM Fund	50.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	558.00
Grief Share Fund	100.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Gae Koski Memorial	40.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Youth Fund	105.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,908.00

Special Funds for July

Benevolence Fund	\$ 100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	280.00
TOTAL	\$ 380.00

*Actual Worship Attendance for July: 321 (Avg/Wk = 80)

*Actual On-Line Attendance for July: 315 (Avg/Wk = 79)



THE TRUMPETER

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Spearfish, SD 57783

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 8:15 a.m.

“Children’s Church” – 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD’s of worship

Sunday School: 9:25 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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